

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting**

Monday - July 22, 2013 - 6:30 P.M

Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 7/08/13
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2013 & FY 2014
 - Set FY 2014 Tax Rate
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 7) Board Orders
- 8) Adjourn

**Meeting Minutes
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Chairman Ed Lewis called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Tom Beatty, Frank Fressie and Jeff King. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; Ron Kelley, Highway Department; and Mark and Kim Flynn.

Adoption of the Agenda: Jeff King made a motion to adopt the agenda. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Jeff King made a motion to approve the minutes 7/08/13. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: Mark and Kim Flynn were present to find out if the Board had reached a decision about their request to have the Fire Department burn the structure at 1204 East Main Street using it as a training for the Fire Department. Board members indicated that they had visited the property. Several Board members raised questions about lead paint, state permit requirements, time of the year the burn will take place, potential damage to trees and neighbors potential concerns about smoke. The Board took no action at this time regarding the request.

Road Report: Ron Kelley reported the following:

- 1) Additional repairs to Pond Hill and Highland Gray Road and several culverts have been made as result of past storm.
- 2) Roadsides continue to be mowed.
- 3) Roads are being graded. Chloride is being applied as roads are graded.
- 4) The Town is participating in the State bid for road salt.

Town Manager's Report:

1) Rosenthal distributed Tax Rate calculations for FY 2014. Discussion followed. The proposed Tax Rates and Tax amounts are as follows:

General Government:	.3123	Tax Amount	\$ 1,006,355 (down \$ 2,089)
Highway Department:	.2096	Tax Amount	\$ 543,216 (up \$ 8,892)
School: Homestead	1.5355	Tax Amount	\$ 1,921,152 (down \$ 157,818)
School: Non-Residential	1.5098	Tax Amount	\$ 2,949,340 (up \$ 254,429)

Total Tax Rate: Residential	2.0574	Non-residential	\$ 2.037 (up .0379 & .0243)
Total Tax Amount:	\$ 6,420,0063	Total Tax Increase	\$ 103,414

Total Percent Tax Increase from FY 2013 1.64%

Jeff King made a motion approve the rates as discussed. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2) Rosenthal met with several Library Trustee Board members and the architect who drafted the preliminary plans for a Library expansion project.

3) Town Constable Dale Kerber has been awarded 2 grants from the Governor's Highway Safety Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$ 18,500 for DUI Enforcement and OP Enforcement.

Transact Any and Other Lawful Business: None at this time.

Board Orders: Frank Fressie made a motion to approve and sign the Board Orders. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Beatty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

s/Jonas Rosenthal